

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 25, 2008, the Examiner indicates that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 14-19, drawn to an apparatus for suppressing torque steering classified in class 180, subclass 446;
- II. Claims 8-13, drawn to a vehicle with drive shafts and differential classified in class 180, subclass 248;
- III. Claims 22-25, drawn to a power train device for use in a vehicle classified in class 180, subclass 245;
- IV. Claims 26-28, drawn to a vehicle with drive shafts and a steering device classified in class 180, subclass 252; and
- V. Claims 29-33, drawn to a method of suppressing torque in a vehicle classified in class 701, subclass 41.

The Examiner states that Inventions I-IV (as claimed) are materially distinct inventions that claim materially different mechanical elements/systems on a vehicle that would require several search areas so as to create a burden on the Office. The Examiner further states that all of inventions I-IV and invention V are related as products (apparatus) and process (method) of use and that these inventions are distinct here because the method of suppressing torque claimed in invention V would not necessarily require the inventions of claims 1-28.

Applicants elect claims 1-7 and 14-19, directed to invention I, without traverse.

With this Amendment, Applicants also submit changes to the Abstract and to certain portions of the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that these changes merely correct typographical and/or grammatical errors, including the removal of some duplicative language, and Applicants request entry of these changes.

Applicants submit that no new matter is added to the application as filed. Consideration of the Application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if the Examiner believes an Examiner's amendment would expedite prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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